

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-18 are presently pending in the instant application. Herein, claims 1-14, 16, and 18 are amended to correct claim dependency, antecedent basis, spelling, grammar and/or syntax. Accordingly, the present amendment should not be construed as a narrowing amendment presented for the purposes of patentability.

Applicants submit that no additional fees are required. However, in the event that additional fees are required to maintain the pendency of this application, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-2101.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 09/26/06

By: Chalin A. Smith

SMITH PATENT CONSULTING, LLC  
P.O. Box 2726  
Alexandria, VA 22301

Name: Chalin A. Smith  
Title: Attorney for Applicant  
Registration No. 41,569

Tel: 703-549-7691  
Fax: 703-549-7692

**CUSTOMER NUMBER 31,496**